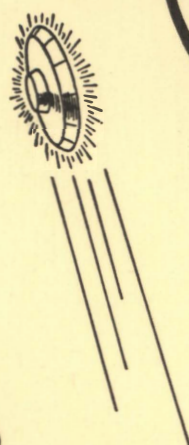
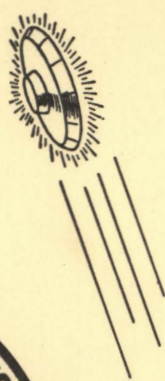



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E D I T O R I A L

In the 25 years of its existence V.U.F.O.R.S. has taken an objective stance on Ufology and has not endorsed any particular theory as to the origin and purpose of U.F.O.'s.

The society recognises that the most acceptable belief is that the objects are space craft from outside our solar system. However appealing this belief may be, other theories cannot be disregarded out of hand because the truth may yet prove to be far stranger than expected.

The unusual theories associating U.F.O.'s with parallel universes, time travel, the psychic, hollow earth, lost civilisations and interstellar communication by holograms all have their devotees.

Another alternative which naturally was considered when 'flying saucers' first received world-wide attention in 1947 was that the objects are a product of 20th century man. It was suspected that they could be secret aircraft being developed by the United States military.

Extensive sightings over North America added fuel to the fire and when it was disclosed that the AVRO Corporation was developing a circular aircraft using central rotor blades, it seemed only a matter of time before an announcement would be made.

This was not to be and the subsequent closing down of the AVRO project coupled with the incredible speed and manoeuvrability of the UFO's made the existence of an experimental aircraft seem most unlikely. Furthermore, the UFO's were now being seen all around the world and no government would risk a new aircraft like that.

A variation of this theory later emerged. Renato Vesco in his most interesting book "Intercept - but don't Shoot" suggested that some of the 'saucers' seen in the late 1940's were constructed by the British in remote areas of Canada using components manufactured in various countries including Australia.

His argument was that the British had obtained advanced technology from Germany at the end of World War II. It had long been known that the Germans were frantically developing new weapons to turn the tide of war. Fortunately, the V-2's and jet aircraft never realised their potential and the development of the German A bomb was thwarted at the 11th hour.

There were, however, other projects which never received as much publicity. One of these was a circular aircraft, the Kugelblitz. It was of classic flying saucer shape and was to have been propelled by jet engines in its rim. Officially, it never had a test flight and Vesco believes that the British subsequently completed production. Unfortunately for this theory neither Britain nor Canada have revealed the existence of such revolutionary flying machines.

The Irish author, W.A. Harbinson, has presented a disturbing twist to the fate of the Kugelblitz. In his well-researched novel "Genesis" he proposes that a section of the Waffen S.S. completed production of the Kugelblitz in early 1945 but did not reveal its completion to the German High Command.

The prototype of the Kugelblitz was taken by submarine to a Nazi base in Brazil and with modifications was then operated from there and also another base in Antarctica. Numerous UFO sightings were subsequently reported from north-east Brazil and the frozen continent in the 1950's.

Is the above an unlikely alternative? It may be. Is it an unpopular alternative? Definitely. But as long as the UFO enigma remains unsolved we cannot consign even the most borderline possibilities to the trash can.

Members are reminded that VUFORS is a non-profit organisation and all monies received go to producing your magazine and for research into the UFO phenomena.

Therefore the greater our membership the easier it is for us to delay passing on the obvious cost increases. We ask therefore that all members attempt to pass on their interest in the subject to their friends, relatives and workmates. This will hopefully increase our membership even more. Our membership is increasing at a slow but steady pace at the moment and we earnestly thank those members who do go out of their way to pass on their interest in the world of UFO's.

CHANGING YOUR ADDRESS? ...TELL US!

ANALYSIS OF THE HUME

Review of article from "Aust. Flying Saucer Review" No.8;1967.

Alleged landing near Wodonga ...

by J.M. Magee.

U.F.O. pursues cyclist -

UFO sightings investigations officers have now completed their interrogation of a Sydney man who claims he was stopped by a UFO on the Hume Highway, near Wodonga, on the 24th August, 1967.

He is Mr. Ron Hydes, who at the time of making his report was living in East St. Kilda.

About 5 pm on Aug. 24th, Mr. Hydes was riding his motorcycle at 70 m.p.h. on the highway about 10 miles south of Wodonga. The sun was low on the horizon; the sky above him was clear, with some cloud in the distance. Suddenly he was engulfed in a bluish-white light, so brilliant that it almost blinded him and he was forced to stop. The source of the light was directly above him and it was so bright that he was unable to see the countryside around him.

"I took my sun glasses off", he said, "and wiped my eyes, when I opened them there was a disc-shaped object about 100 feet away to my left off the road. The object was silver on top, quite a high polished silver and either a very dark grey or black underneath - it was just like two inverted saucers".

Although at first he thought the UFO was resting on the ground, he perceived when his eyes cleared a little more that it was actually hovering about three or four feet above the ground. At this stage, Hydes decided to go over and examine the object but his attention was diverted by a passing car. On looking back he saw there were two figures on his side of the object. They were about 5 feet tall and dressed in a metallic sort of overall, though there did not appear to be any zippers, buttons or other appurtenances.

"They appeared to be dressed in the same aluminium type sheet as the craft itself had", he continued, "and they had helmets on just like a fish bowl popped on somebody's head. At this stage, starting to get a little frightened, I took a step forward to see what would happen and they did the same. Then one of the figures, the one on the left, took another couple of steps forward and lifted his hand up and beckoned me over. I then panicked, and just dived on the bike whose motor was still running, and took off down the road. My idea was to put as much distance between myself and the object as possible. Suddenly, however, I heard a humming noise and straight away knew what it was. Looking up, I saw the UFO following me at about 100 feet altitude and about 150 feet away. I then tried to flag down a couple of cars and point the object out to them, but none responded".

By this time, the UFO had overtaken Hydes and had actually overpassed him, apparently to cut him off. He then cut back his speed until he was travelling at no more than 3 to 4 miles per hour and watched the UFO expectantly, awaiting its next move. However, to Hydes' relief the UFO suddenly tilted its base towards him and shot up in the air at about a 45 degree angle, disappearing from sight in a matter of a few seconds. Hydes' description of the colour change in the UFO's appearance immediately before its departure makes interesting reading for the UFO researcher.

"When the UFO leapt in front of me", he recalled, "it was a pinkish sort of colour, just as if it was reflecting the sun's rays, which was not the case, since the colouring was all over the object, not just on the side facing the sun. But just before it tilted and shot off it became a brighter and brighter red, and became so bright it hurt your eyes to look at it - it was like looking into the sun. When it took off, there was no acceleration - one moment it was stopped and the next it was just up and gone".

... a sketch of the UFO on next page.....

EVALUATION OF THE WODONGA CASE

The Hydes account is an extremely detailed one and it has not been possible to include in this article the wealth of detail concerning the UFO and its alleged occupants which Mr. Hydes related to Society investigators.

Hydes was actually lengthily interrogated by Society sightings investigation officers on two separate occasions, with a view partly to ensuring that all relevant facts were recorded and partly to obtain inherent contradictions which it was felt would be obvious in the two accounts if Hydes had been a hoaxer. The two taped accounts were closely examined, and they are remarkably consistent. Subsequent investigation consisted of enquiries directed to the local press and police as to the existence of any corroborative reports. None were forthcoming.

Investigation of meteorological records establish that the weather conditions at the time were accurately described by Hydes. The absence of corroboration from at least one of the motorists referred to by Hydes is puzzling. However, these facts must be borne in mind:

1. A motorist's field of vision is not great and his attention, and that of his passengers, is usually riveted on the highway.
2. Hydes' antics would have distracted motorists' attention from an aerial object, and possibly even alarmed them.
3. A report, or reports, may actually have been made, either to the press, in which case the report would most likely have been ignored, or to the R.A.A.F. with the usual notorious result! Only in the unlikely event of a report reaching a UFO Society would it have been published. (Mr. Hydes learned of the V.U.F.O.R.S.' existence only by subsequently reading a UFO book by Coral Lorenzen).

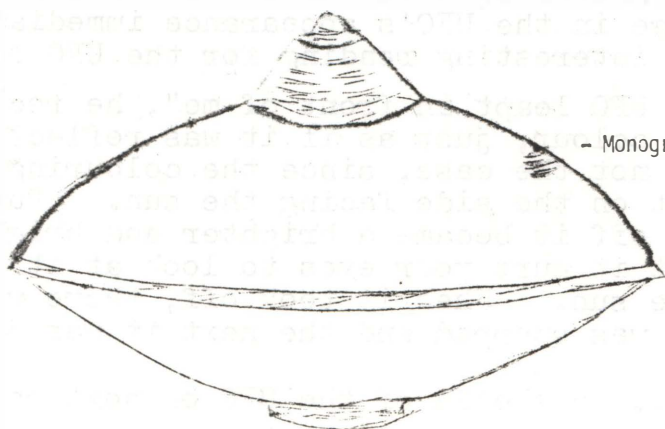
Of some significance is the fact that Mr. Hydes' report coincided with a minor flap in Southern Australia in an otherwise extremely quiet period, with sightings being reported on the preceding and subsequent days.

Most favourable evidence in support of the truth of the sighting is the wealth of material relating to the appearance and behaviour of the UFO which ufologists will recognise as familiar and essential UFO characteristics. These could have been invented and related so plausibly by only a person well steeped in UFO literature. VUFORS investigators felt quite convinced that this was not the case with Hydes.

Copies of the transcript were examined by a medical psychiatrist and by a lawyer who has had considerable experience in Crown prosecution work, and is consequently adept in evaluating human testimony. Both advised that the Hydes account seemed consistent and authentic.

As in the case with so many sighting reports, there is no definitive evaluation to be made of the Hydes report. It remains a fascinating and tantalising statistic which in company with a sufficient number of similar accounts may yet yield proof of events which will "endow human life with new inventions and riches".

SKETCH OF UFO....



- Monogram.

ON THE U.F.O. TRAIL... by Paul Norman.

April 1st, marked the beginning of my 1982 visit along the North American UFO Trail. This year, as well as other years, the name of Professor James McDonald is often raised by leading researchers, from coast to coast.

Admiration for this energetic scientist, who displayed exceptional thoroughness in the investigation and research of unidentified flying objects has never waned. Hardly a week passes without mention of the outstanding accomplishment made during his short stay in Australia, in July 1967.

Perhaps a brief sighting which McDonald could not explain was the beginning of his interest in the UFO mystery. Dr. McDonald first contacted VUFORS early in 1966, making enquiries concerning the details of Rev. William Gill's encounter. He had written to a librarian in Port Moresby and had received a reply that something of the UFO nature had been rumoured years prior to that time, but he, the librarian, could not recall the details nor could he find anything written on the story.

Upon McDonald's request to VUFORS, the detailed Crutwell Report on the Gill case was airmailed. When receipt of the report was acknowledged, Professor McDonald remarked that he had been in touch with the wrong source. Thus, an early lesson was learned that UFO information, at that time, was practically nil within the academic world, but could be found amongst ufologists who, in the face of officially sponsored ridicule, were investigating and recording reports.

While in the United States, during May 1967, Jim McDonald requested my visit to his home in Tucson, Arizona, for the purpose of briefing him on the UFO scene in Australia. For three days, case after case was discussed with him. These were cases which had been uncovered and investigated by veteran Australian ufologists. The interest aroused prompted his request for our assistance to arrange appointments with key witnesses when he visited Australia on a U.S. Navy assignment during July, 1967.

Eighty witnesses of selected cases were located for him resulting in a crowded period of activity, apart from his officially sponsored mission for the Navy. In addition to his extensive list of notes, Prof. McDonald added to the files of ufology 13,000 feet of recorded tape. His outstanding accomplishments, however, were not without interference from the opposition. The spearhead of this attack on his effective progress came through non other than official channels.

VUFORS was contacted to relay a message to McDonald, who was at that time in Queensland, to contact the American Embassy. Details of this interruption later revealed that UFO debunker Phillip Klass was behind the drive to "stop McDonald". Working at the lower levels like a woodworm, producing more sawdust than a butcher's floor, Klass was doing his Klassical dirty work, making his foul contribution towards increasing the stress which led to Jim McDonald's untimely death. No greater loss has been suffered by ufology.

Since my arrival in the United States this year, thus far the air seems to be a little fresher. One reason is that Phillip Klass has burned his fingers so many times trying to save his face that he appears, for the moment, to have fled the field of ufology.

*** DON'T FORGET YOUR SUBS. OR YOU'RE SUNK!

Amazing Reports of UFO Activity in Russia

A special Soviet commission investigating UFO sightings in the USSR interviewed two Russian forest rangers who reported a terrifying encounter with an alien creature who landed in a bizarre craft. Here, in the second part of an exclusive ENQUIRER series, Dr. Vladimir Azhazha, an astrophysicist who headed the special commission, reveals for the first time the dramatic story of the rangers' frightening confrontation with a hostile humanoid.

Space Alien Blasts Forest Rangers With a Bizarre Ray

By HENRY GRIS and CHARLES PARAMITER

The two Russian forest rangers were skiing over the snowy slopes when they caught sight of something that stunned them: a bright red pulsating cloud was dropping slowly from the sky.

When it was less than 20 feet away from them the red mist melted away and the men saw a shiny metallic object hovering in the air. It was round, with no visible seams, and it emitted a loud ominous hum.

As they gazed openmouthed, a cylindrical landing gear lowered itself from the 20-foot sphere until it touched the ground. Suddenly they were confronted by a creature that was like nothing on Earth.

The rangers, Ari Sarvi, 36, and Mauno Erko, 38, were later interviewed by Dr. Vladimir Azhazha, who headed a Russian commission appointed to investigate UFO activity in the Soviet Union.

Recalling Sarvi's account of the incredible confrontation on Jan. 7, 1980, Dr. Azhazha said: "The humanoid was about three feet tall, with spindly arms and legs and a waxen face.

"He was wearing a dark green tight body stocking and the same color boots. He had on long white gloves reaching to his elbows. His thin hands

seemed to be just skin and bones. A black object, like a stubby tube, was dangling from his scrawny neck." Erko told Dr. Azhazha that the creature's skin was deathly pale, almost luminous, and that he had a sharp hooked nose, big pointy ears, narrow sloping shoulders and childlike hands.

The encounter between the earthmen and the alien humanoid took place in northwestern Russia, outside the lumber center of Kestenga close to the Finnish border.

"I should stress," Dr. Azhazha told The ENQUIRER, "that neither man had ever heard of UFOs and

space aliens, much less read about them or seen any movies about them. They had no understanding of what was happening."

The two men are not certain about what happened just after they spotted the humanoid, Dr. Azhazha said.

It's possible that Sarvi pointed his ski pole at the creature. The humanoid, perhaps reacting defensively, aimed the stubby barrel dangling around his neck at the two rangers and a blinding, pulsating beam shot out, dazing them.

After several terrifying minutes, the men regained their vision and saw that the metal sphere was again enveloped in a red mist. There was no sign of the alien creature. Then the haze lifted and the UFO also vanished. The two men were stunned.

Sarvi was weak, cold and paralyzed on his entire right side. Erko ran off to get help,

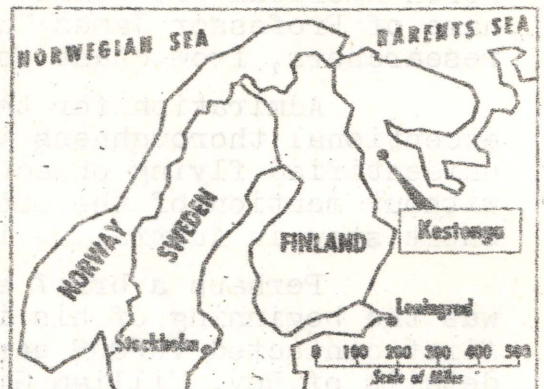
borrowed a horse and sleigh from a nearby farm and took Sarvi to his home. En route, Sarvi began hallucinating, then passed out. When he regained consciousness he complained about fever, aches all over his body, and he began to vomit.

Four weeks later he was still suffering from headaches, nightmares and poor appetite, Dr. Azhazha said.

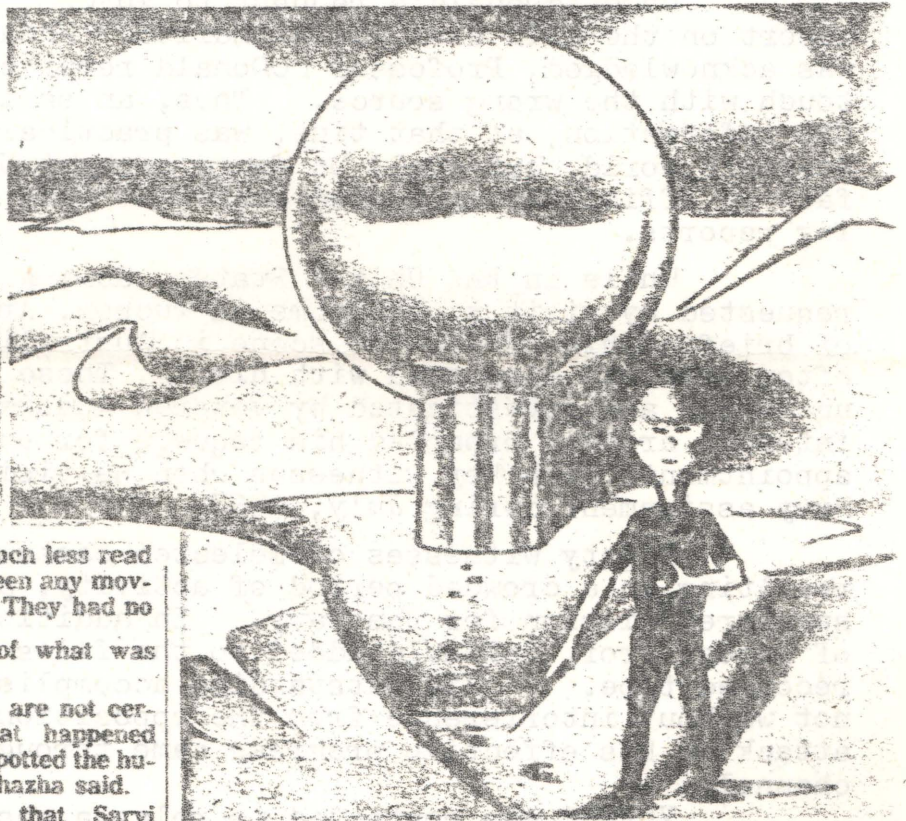
Erko, meanwhile, complained of arm and chest pains, swollen eyes and had

trouble with his sense of balance. A local physician who treated the men, Dr. Olle Kossola, said their symptoms could have been caused by shock — or by radiation poisoning.

"The doctor was convinced both men were telling the truth," Dr. Azhazha said. "And after sifting through the evidence for three weeks, the special commission on UFOs concluded that the encounter did take place."



MAP shows area in Russia where alien creature attacked.



SPACE CREATURE and his ship are shown in drawing based on the rangers' report.

by Mrs. E.S. Nixon.

In beginning this analysis I draw on facts from the Bible to prove a reality that seems to have existed through time but has been overlooked by mankind. These facts may never have been researched by either ancient man or our modern scientists - but have been taken for granted and regarded with ignorant awe instead of spiritual investigation.

Incidents I have chosen are relevant to unexplained events occurring in and around the atmospheres of the Earth, that can connect with Biblical data in a most remarkable way.

I do not use my own logic in forming the views I suggest, I merely strive to put together the pieces of a jig-saw existing in the form of unexplained lights in the sky. Emergent shapes and atmospheric disturbances plus strange cloud formations - radiance and residue floating about which we term 'Unidentified Flying Objects.'

In probing these events, I can only apply reason and fact in the sense existing without the mundane of the untrained mind. You, the reader, will judge what you credit and survey - yourself - not I. I hold the candle for you to light the flame - I offer facts without conclusions; my only desire, like your own, is to solve the mystery of the U.F.O.

Let us begin by examining our beliefs. We worship an invisible God, therefore we can credit the plane of the invisible exists. We exist on a plane of solid substance due to the sun's effect on planetary matter, but this is not to say all animated matter exists in the same way.

Our understanding is limited to the solid plane so we give very little attention to the plane of the invisible from which God created us originally and thus we fail to credit that plane of existence has to be part of our own universe still. This is understandable since we were created to dwell amid the simplest forms of understanding and develop slowly so we could learn to credit.

Our mental conceptions of this invisible plane vary with our impressions of bliss pertaining to the human intellect. But no two people have the same conception so this proves the point that neither ancient man, nor modern scientists have ever labelled this plane of existence as more than "Heaven" !

Humanity draws its own confusion from this point. It is relative to reason that intellect grades from the lowest to the highest on our plane of existence so it is not hard to credit this trend continues throughout the universe.

Let us turn to some facts regarding creation and the invisible plane's connection with the solid.

Genesis Ch.1:2 states "And the spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters." That was before all came to be - the beginning of the creation of Earth. We keep this in mind for future reference.

Now we turn to Genesis 1:26 when God said "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." It is obvious here that God addressed beings on his invisible plane of life and further stated "Man would have dominion over the solid earthly plane he had created and not God's plane".

There is conclusive evidence in this direction that two planes existed and still do.

Having created a plane of existence for man, no doubt God had access to it through manipulation.. He would be adept at this if he could manipulate the elements to form another world to his own. So would other beings conversant with knowledge of the elements - who also existed on other planes of Earth. Proof of this having been the case is stated in Genesis 6:55. Let us take Verse 4 where it states "Before the Flood there were Giants in the Earth in those days; and also after that when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men and they bore children to them."

The sons of God's must have been able to materialise in the atmospheres of solid form or they would not have conceived solid children of earthly kind. This proves their conception was adaptable to this plane or they knew its secrets. In any case it was no special feat. I would point out from those days up to today that Earth's original creation structured from the elements has remained the same.

Genesis states that God said "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the Earth; both man and beast and creeping things and the fowls of the air etc." Thus God destroyed all life during the flood except for Noah's lineage and those chosen by his hand, but he did not say he would destroy the elemental structure of Earth or those entities of his own plane who had entered the Earth's atmosphere previously, so what is to prevent what has been, from existing now? If beings from another plane of life to our own came into our atmosphere and materialised on the various occasions described in the Bible, it is possible they have continued to do so. It is an oversight on the part of mankind not to have examined this possibility before, since the facts are there,

Let us look at our connections with materialisation, remembering God said "Let us create man in our own image." We come to materialise slowly through the effects of the sun and solid form. Our life span is our enfurance span against the elements. Compare the same process on an altered dimension of time without the laws of the sun's destructive forces. The process is revved up a thousandfold and the life span eternal under split second alacrity. We also find that transition has startling effects upon the atmosphere. Instant incineration could be the fate of anything that tangled with this process and here you have the UFO in its developing stages.

Solid form and invisible form on different time dimensions but with similar functions speak of similar creation and that other plane of existence in our universe that as yet, we have not scientifically probed.

It is not until this present day - when ufologists have insisted upon their rights to examine and make public atmospheric phenomena - that certain facts have come to light which tend to turn the mind to seek explanations as minutely as I have done. Finding life forms on another planet seems to be the scientists' dream, but no matter how you probe this

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possibility, the results are strictly negative, due to the fact that other planets appear to be formed of different chemical structure from ours, and in varying stages of evolution. Thus, anything they produced would be scarcely recognisable to us. If however, we look a little closer to our own universe, where creation vies, we could find a life plane we seem to have overlooked. With all this analysis and an open mind, let us turn to a recent publication entitled "The Devil's Meridian" by Kevin Killey and Gary Lester, and draw from the wealth of information contained therein. I quote from it since it seems to be the most up to date information regarding sightings and findings - comparisons of Biblical materialisations and UFO materialisations which are descriptively the same.

I have carefully checked out all these sightings and descriptions of strange craft humanoids and angels and I have discovered that no one has yet given the sides of a UFO a good bang with the hand or with a hammer to verify their solidarity. Even the odd bullet has had no proven effect on the humanoid theory. This set me thinking and I realized if so many people - including myself - can see things that are not there, then there has to be a reason for it, and that reason has to exist between another dimension of life and my own. What we must see are either protractive emanations of alien context in instant evolution - to the solidifying atmospheres of Earth - of a telepathic communication to the mind, projected through the will of another being.

To trace reason with reason, the former is more possible than the latter: for to have my mind bent could achieve no purpose of either communication or visual usefulness, thus I decided that whatever occurred, did so regardless of any reaction from me at all. Unfortunately, we have not progressed into the knowledge of how life comes to be, beyond Earth's precincts and what we can see. Scientists have put forth the theory that life on Earth first evolved from its outer connections in space, but not the channels of creation, previous to its existence there. Some vague consciousness has always designed it between space and planetary action. Life's channels of materialisation from one plane to another, remain unprobed. No one, to date, seems to have accepted naturally, the invisible plane of existence in our universe yet. It has to belong here because our universe was created from it!

Let us go back to Genesis 1:26, when God said "Let us make man in our image after our likeness." There must have been invisible beings with him or he would not have said "our" and if the son's of invisible God's materialised and produced children in solid form on this Earth, then this proves that invisible life-forms akin to ours, only on a different dimension with similar evolutionary forces existed and could exist in our atmosphere through materialisation.

This possibility brings us to our comparisons with UFO sightings and the scriptures plus those described in "The Devil's Meridian." The most quoted of all sightings in the Bible is of course Ezekiel Ch.4, which states "And I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire enfolding itself, and a brightness was about it" etc. We now take a similar sighting quoted from "The Devil's Meridian". In 1964 a New York family reported a dark object like a black cloud, from which emitted a flash of light and wisps of smoke. It shot forward at tremendous velocity. (P.160).

What is the difference between the two sightings? They both add up to the same thing and descriptions only vary slightly. Characteristically, they are the same atmospheric phenomena. I am not going through every instance of angels appearing, or visions of Christ, listed in the Bible; nor am I going to list every UFO sighting in the "The Devil's Meridian" to prove this point. I merely suggest interested parties do as I have done and make their own comparisons.

When the Lord gave Moses the ten commandments on Mount Sinai, he said "Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud." He also warned that his presence on close contact, could create a dangerous situation for the unwary. He said they would perish.

Today's intellect - also that of earlier times - would have a clearer understanding of such a situation because of the knowledge we have of atomic energy. However, today's intellect still seems to miss the point that at a certain stage of materialisation of beings from the invisible plane; instant incineration could be the result of contact. Nothing is new. The Lord stated this clearly from within a cloud. From the data I have gathered and the circumstances of these clouds appearing when U.F.O.s are about, I am inclined to believe that this situation is directly responsible for the complete disappearance of boats and planes and people! The clearest instance I can state is the disappearance of Fred Valentich on October 1978, on his flight over Bass Strait and photographs taken by Roy Manifold on the same day. Fred Valentich disappeared without a trace. No wreckage, nothing has been found. Let us take a look at the six photographs and the computer analysis of photos taken on the day he disappeared (The Devil's Meridian - pages 134 - 135)

There is unshakable evidence on the film, of an eruption rising from the waters. The next stage is apparently a situation taking place in the atmosphere (invisible to the unwary ship or plane). The next stage is described as the strangest cloud observed by mankind. Small yet dense, with a clear sky above and existing at an impossibly low level. The final computer analysis of this cloud shows proof of an unidentified structure within. Roy Manifold's cloud - rising from the water - and later Fred Valentich's plane disappeared - incinerated no doubt - amid the grisly manifestations of alien manipulation of atmosphere.

How much can the human mind credit before reason dawns or is lost? The way humanity stands at the moment, the Lord could come again and not be noticed because we have failed to research the possibilities stated. I leave the reader with a final question "Are U.F.O's 'Unidentified Flying Objects' or another manifestation of life that has existed since time began - on another plane in our universe - and not another planet?"

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IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ON THE U.F.O. SUBJECT, THAT YOU THINK WE MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER, ADDRESS YOUR LETTERS TO P.O. Box 43, MOORABBIN. 3189.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

A note to a lady member of the Society, who tried to get me by phone on the 14th May, but because I was away for that week she left her phone no. Well, the sad news is that your number has been lost, so that when I returned I was not able to call you. Can you please call me again about the library.

We now have 217 different books in our collection, yet we still lack books in the late 1970s and so on; if you can send us any donations of around this period, please do.

To all that write to me, many thanks; if you feel your letter will never come.. please hold on as I will eventually get to you. Again, many thanks for your calls and letters.

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BY PHILIP J. KLASS "UFOs EXPLAINED"

1974 book - 428 pages - 31 chapters/index.

12 Photographic plates.

This is a good long interesting and well written book that deals with the problem of UFOs in an objective manner. To the dead eye Ufologist it may hurt a bit to read such a book, yet in all honesty all who are trying to keep an open mind on the subject should take up this book and read it to the end.

I found some parts a little personal and only one assessment of what are very complex and hard to define events, but the author's views are not impossible. My readings of the Rev. William Gill's Papua, New Guinea, sightings are enhanced by the author's reasoning in Chapter 22 but he was not able to prove to me that Fr. Gill lied or tried to deceive the world.

Yes, this book is another in a series of "I KNOW HOW IT WAS DONE". This time the author followed a few rules in his basic assessment of the 30 or so UFO encounters. The cases that he takes on are the most impressive that the UFO world could offer to him at that time and may I say he does not lack guts in his selection.

Let's not look at his conclusions but what I feel are some very interesting rules that the author has found and listed as his guide to his understanding of each sighting.

1. Basically honest and intelligent persons who are suddenly exposed to a brief, unexpected event, especially one that involves an unfamiliar object, may be grossly inaccurate in trying to describe precisely what they have seen.
2. Despite the intrinsic limitations of human perception when exposed to brief, unexpected & unusual events, some details recalled by the observer may be reasonably accurate. The problem facing the UFO investigator is to try to distinguish between those details that are accurate and those that are grossly inaccurate. This may be impossible until the true identity of the UFO can be determined so that in some cases this poses an insoluble problem.

3. If a person observing an unusual or unfamiliar object concludes that it is probably a spaceship from another world, he can readily adduce that the object is reacting to his presence or actions when in reality there is absolutely no cause effect relationship.
* Mark Twain phrased it more colorfully : "You cannot depend on your eyes when your imagination is out of focus".
4. News media that give great prominence to a UFO report when it is first received, subsequently devote little if any space or time for reporting a prosaic explanation for the case when all the facts are uncovered.
5. No human observer, including experienced flight crews, can accurately estimate either the distance/altitude or the size of an unfamiliar object in the sky, unless it is in very close proximity to a familiar object whose size or altitude is known.
6. Once news media coverage leads the public to believe that UFOs may be in the vicinity, there are numerous natural & man made objects which, especially when seen at night, can take on unusual characteristics in the mind of hopeful viewers. Their UFO report in turn adds to the mass excitement which encourages still more observers to watch for UFOs. This situation feeds upon itself until such time as the news media loses interest in the subject, and then the "flap" quickly runs out of steam.
7. In attempting to determine whether a UFO report is a hoax, an investigator should rely on physical evidence, or the lack of it where evidence should exist, and should not depend on character endorsement of the principals involved.
8. The inability of even experienced investigators to fully and positively explain a UFO report for lack of sufficient information, even after a rigorous effort, does not really provide evidence to support the hypothesis that spaceships from other worlds are visiting the earth.
9. Whenever a light is sighted in the skies that is believed to be a UFO and this is reported to a radar operator, who is asked to search his scope for an unknown target, almost invariably an "unknown" target will be found. Conversely, if an unusual target is spotted on a radarscope at night that is suspected of being a UFO, and an observer is dispatched or asked to search for a light in the night sky, almost invariably a visual sighting will be made.
10. Many UFO cases seem puzzling & unexplainable simply because case investigators have failed to devote a sufficiently rigorous effort to the investigation.

I can not argue against the majority of the above rules, the author has set out in the book, yet at the same token I can offer equally relevant explanations for each rule given above.

Because the subject of UFOs is little understood; unexplainable; lacks solid evidence; touched by human emotions & imaginations & tends to collide with our solid beliefs that "we are the centre of the universe", tends to make people simplify their objectivity. In other words it is far easier to say "No" than to say "Yes, or no, and how, when, where and why?"

My faith lies in the 1% unexplained and the solid photography that we now have, and most of all, at least 10% have no reason to lie or gain from such a report - in fact, more to lose; therefore what they have seen must have overwhelmed their understanding of the earth and how we live; this is what is to be answered.

If you like sighting reports then this book will give you a lot of pleasure.

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The book comes with good references, that are worth repeating.

"A scientific explanation of the mystery of UFOs, including new disclosures on many famous, seemingly inexplicable UFO cases".

"It must be read by anyone even remotely interested in the subject of UFOs. Klass attempts to identify them with an impressive array of scientific and technological knowledge, dogged persistence, and some inspired detective work".

- ASTRONOMY -

"Belongs in any library of the 10 (to be generous) volumes worth reading on the subject of UFOs".

- "The New York Times Book Review" -

I feel the author's last paragraph reflects the most used and simple reason why some feel they can not, at least think it possible that UFOs may be with us.

"The idea of wondrous spaceships from a distant civilization really is a fairy story that is tailored to the adult mentality; a fairy story in which any one can become a firsthand participant simply by keeping an alert eye peeled towards the skies. The myth of extraterrestrial visitors will persist, this book notwithstanding, if only because there are so many natural and man-made UFOs to be seen, and because so many people want to believe". (page 428)

To all who read this and the book I offer this quotation from a man like you and me in flesh, but 477 years before us and 400 years before man "could fly". He said, about manned flight -

"The great bird will take its first flight upon the back of the great swan, filling the whole world with amazement and filling all records with its fame; and it will bring eternal glory to the nest where it was born".

- Leonardo Da Vinci, at Monte Ceceri, Swan Mountain 1505.

Soon after this, Leonardo attempted manned flight and failed to prove what he had predicted. Yet "so many people want to believe" in this "idea of wondrous spaceships from a distant civilization that are really fairy stories, in which anyone can become a firsthand participant simply by keeping an alert eye peeled towards the skies".

When you next step on to a fairytale called a 747 or 727, think of the man who said it would happen, saw it in nature, but could not prove it.

When you next see a fairy story called "UFO" but cannot prove it, do not say "No, it could not and would not happen" but say "Yes or no, and how, when, where and why?"

I recommend the book to all who follow UFOs.

John Auchettl, Librarian.

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UFO STUDIES GAIN FAVOUR IN CHINA

The Chinese first detailed UFO reports over 920 years ago! Since then, China has been publicly unaffected by stories of strange things that fly in the air, though similar tales have spawned believers and scoffers in the west for decades. But that indifference is changing. Now Ufologists as they call themselves are emerging from Tibet to Inner Mongolia. Reports of new and old sightings of UFOs make it sound like China is at the main traffic light between this world and numerous others.

More than 500 reports have come in since the "China UFO Research Organisation" was established last May. Nearly that many professional believers also have signed up in UFO chapters set up in universities throughout China.

Two UFO magazines are published and letters to the editor columns print appeals for public investigations. The most recent sighting was in Tibet, where residents of five cities reported nearly the same UFO description: "A bright object surrounded by a ring of blue-white light of variable brightness. As it moved the centre brightened and began rotating opposite to the movements of its surrounding rings, which began to dim and widen at the same time".

An American construction worker witnessed a similar UFO at the same time.

Credit: John F. Schuessler, Houston, Texas.
(from St. Louis Globe Democrat, Sept. 26th, 1981).

BOOKMAKER DROPS ODDS AGAINST ALIENS LANDING ON EARTH TO 100 - 1.

A British Bookmaking company says heavy betting from San Diego County has dropped odds from 500-1 to 100-1 against an alien landing on earth within the next year.

About \$10,000 has been wagered recently, most of it from followers of a San Diego area mystic, according to a spokesman for LaBroke & Co Ltd. "We've taken so much money in the last couple of weeks that the odds have gone way down", Bernice Kerr of the London Betting house told the San Diego union.

Under terms of the bet, the book-maker will pay off "if aliens from outer space land or crash on earth, alive or dead" within 12 months from the date the wager is accepted.

Credit: John F. Schuessler, Houston, Texas.
(from Houston Chronicle, Sunday, Dec. 27th, 1981).

SIGHTINGS REPORTED BY 'PHONE - and CHECKED BY MR. PAT GILDEA.

CRANBOURNE AREA. - SUNDAY 28th March 1982 - a.m.

Mr. C.S. dropped his girlfriend off on Sunday 28th March and was on his way to Pearcedale at approximately 3 a.m., when he observed a diamond-shaped light hovering in the sky. The light gradually approached his moving vehicle until it was approximately 400 yards away and at an angle of about 45 degrees.

The area around him was lit up by a pale white glow. The object then raced ahead of him, following the direction of the road.. C. chased the light for miles up to speeds of 130 K.P.H. The object eventually changed direction and was lost by the witness.

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ARKANSAS CASES, Little Rock, AR - Dec. 17, 1981

Life Brought to Earth From Space, Witness For Defense Testifies

By GEORGE WELLS
Gazette Staff

Life arose on earth as a result of organic molecules brought from space by comets, an astronomer testified Wednesday in federal court during the eighth day of the creationism trial.

Dr. N. C. Wickramasinghe, head of the applied mathematics and astronomy department of University College of Wales University at Cardiff, said that "terrestrial life had its origins in the dust clouds of space."

He also said that his theory -- developed in collaboration with Sir Fred Hoyle, the noted British astronomer -- led him to believe that the universe came about by "a deliberate act of creation." Dr. Wickramasinghe, who testified as an expert witness for the state, said that his theory was based partly on his belief that the probability of life's arising spontaneously on earth as a result of random events was "essentially zero."

The trial is on a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Act 590 of 1981, which will require public schools teaching evolution next fall to give "balanced treatment" to creation-science. The American Civil Liberties Union filed suit in May for 23 groups and individuals, including leading clergymen, contending that the law violated the First Amendment ban on the establishment of religion, was too vague, and violated a constitutionally protected right of academic freedom.

Expected to End Today

Federal Judge William R. Overton recessed the trial until 9 a.m. today, which is expected to be the final day of testimony. Robert Gentry, a visiting professor for 12 years at Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Oak Ridge, Tenn., was testifying when the trial was recessed and will resume the stand today.

The Hoyle-Wickramasinghe thesis has been published in several books, the most recent of which is "Evolution From Space." The theory holds that there are organic molecules in the gasses and matter between stars and that these molecules were "collected and amplified by comets" that carried them throughout the cosmos.

Says Chance Too Small

Dr. Wickramasinghe said that he had calculated the chances of life arising as a result of the random "shuffle" of molecules on earth and found the chance to be so small as to be "essentially" nonexistent. In addition, he said, if complex molecules had somehow managed to link up into chains of amino acids or other elements of life, the chances of their lining up in the right order to come together and form life

were infinitesimally small and would be required more time to happen than the estimated age of the earth, 4.5 billion years.

This led him and Hoyle to develop the theory that life must have originated somewhere else. Dr. Wickramasinghe said he believed that life occurred "once, at one time somewhere in the universe" and has become pervasive throughout the universe.

New "genetic information" in organic molecules has been brought by meteors subsequent to the first inception of life, he said, and this new information linked up with molecules that had developed on earth to account for major changes in life, including the creation of new species.

Disputes Darwin

This theory disputes the concept of Darwinian evolution, he said, as far as the idea of the origin of life and the origin of new species.

Dr. Wickramasinghe also said that the scientific community was so "brainwashed" by Darwinian concepts that it had rejected his theory and maintained a closed mind on the subject.

He said the evolutionary concept that life arose spontaneously and changed into new species by the "accumulation of copying errors" -- genetic mutations -- to all higher life forms was "a ridiculous proposition." Copying errors occur when cells divide and he said that it would be impossible for "a single bacterium to be upgraded" to higher life forms and eventually man through this process.

He quoted Hoyle as saying the Darwinian theory amounted to saying a "tornado blowing through a junk yard assembled a Boeing 747."

The Hoyle-Wickramasinghe theory postulates that the first organic materials landed on earth

from space about 3.8 billion years ago and life developed "within tens of millions of years," which he described as a very short period in geologic time, of the earth's reaching conditions suitable for life.

Extension of Theory

In spite of his rejection of some elements of Darwinian theory, however, Dr. Wickramasinghe said he and Hoyle considered their concept an extension of the evolutionary theory.

Among the evidence he cited to support his theory, Dr. Wickramasinghe said a German scientist had found "convincing evidence" of microbial life on a meteorite. He also said that a spectrographic study of space had revealed a pattern corresponding to the spectrograph of a common intestinal bacteria. Dr. Wickramasinghe said on cross-examination, however, that he had no "unequivocal evidence" that genes or DNA, the acid that transfers genetic characteristics, existed in space.

If the earth were somehow sealed off from the introduction of organic material from space, Dr. Wickramasinghe said, "bugs could replicate till doomsday and bugs would only be bugs and monkeys would only be monkeys" for there would be no progression to higher animals. He said on cross-examination, however, that he believed that man and apes had a common ancestor, while disagreeing with Darwinists on how that ancestor came to be.

Dr. Wickramasinghe said that his studies with Hoyle also led to the conclusion that viruses "rained" from outer space causing flu epidemics and possibly other diseases. This viral rain is not altogether a bad thing, he said, because viruses contain important genetic characteristics.

He said he had begun studying biology only about five years ago,

but that he considered this an asset, rather than a liability, because he had not been "hamstrung by dogma" and could look at biology in a fresh way.

Rejects Some of Law

Although he specifically rejected several provisions in Act 590 -- he said it was "astonishing that there are no definitions" of terms such as the relatively recent inception of the earth and "living kinds" -- he said that he agreed with "the spirit of the Act."

He also agreed with Deputy Attorney General David L. Williams that essentially all theories of origins fall into one of two categories, life is either created or not created. Dr. Wickramasinghe, a native of Sri Lanka (when it was Ceylon), said he was reared in a Buddhist tradition that stated that life always existed and was agnostic in its approach to God, but that he did not see any alternatives other than those mentioned by Williams and "the two alternatives are mutually exclusive."

He said his studies had led him to believe that denying "some sort of creator implies a blindness to facts."

Gentry, who maintains his status of assistant professor at Columbia Union College in Maryland, testified about the age of the earth and evidence that he said supported the belief in a worldwide flood. His work is concerned with "radioactive halos," he said, which are spheres of discoloration in rocks caused by the decay of radioactive elements.

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Farmer A.W. was returning home at 2:30-3 a.m. on 28th March, when suddenly a bright light appeared in the south-east and approached his car. He described the light as star-shaped, and it paced his car all the way to the gates of his farm. The light lit the area to such a degree, that he could have driven home without using his headlights. When he arrived at the farm gates, the light disappeared. No noise from the object was heard during the incident.

Mrs. M.C. (same area) reported that at 2:15 a.m. on the same night, she observed an extremely bright light in the sky. A noise like the screaming of tyres on a road surface drew her attention to the light. She awoke thinking someone was doing "wheelies" on the road and would wake the baby. She was reluctant to discuss the incident further.

NOTE: It is interesting to note that two of these reports had been made initially to the R.A.A.F. at Laverton, who advised the witnesses to contact V.U.F.O.R.S.

Credit "Weekend News", Perth, W.A. . . . 10th April, 1982.

Spotters of unidentified flying objects (UFSs) are flocking to Esperance following startling new sightings.

A team of UFO investigators from Perth says the sightings are the most significant for years. Shopkeepers say sky-watchers are buying expensive camera equipment to record the next sighting. They say the photographs will prove what they have believed for years: That Esperance is being buzzed by UFOs. The president of the Perth UFO Research Group, Mr. Mike Borley, and group secretary, Mr. Keith Johnston, said in Esperance that the latest sightings were exciting and further proof that the town was a centre for UFO activity.

Mr. Borley said they would be checking reports that there was a "UFO nest" in the area. A nest is an area where UFOs have landed, and consist of two or more flattened or burned areas of ground. Investigators interviewed residents who have recently had frightening confrontations with UFOs.

They included police Constable Bob Cordon, who was awakened by two terrified women who claimed they saw a UFO while driving along the South Coast Highway last week.

Shopkeeper Mrs. Frances Collins and craftswoman Maggi Yeend claim that the brilliantly lit object shadowed them for more than 100 km. The women said the UFO swerved across the road in front of their car, and at one stage almost forced them to stop. It was red, orange and yellow and cast a blue light on to the ground beneath it, the woman said. The craft was circular, and when it accelerated it left a vapour trail.

(From Frazer Guild, in Esperance).

"UFORUM".

P.G. from Geelong writes:-

"If the 'Miss. Hobart' in 1934 was the first disappearance of an aircraft in Bass Strait when was the first mysterious disappearance of a ship"?

Many ships have disappeared in Bass Strait - in fact it has been one of the biggest graveyards for ships in the world considering its relatively small size.

The first ship lost in the Strait was 'The Governor Sorrell' in 1819. In 1829 the brig 'Governor Macquarie' was lost bound for Sydney out of Hobart. A thorough search failed to find any trace. These ships were probably lost through some mishap. However, other more mysterious losses have occurred in perfect weather with no trace ever found. The 'Yarra Yarra' and 'Britomart' with 30 people aboard in 1839 are examples. Many other ships have vanished in Bass Strait since, some providing clues in the guise of wreckage as to their fate; others completely disappearing.

Other ships have been in the area at the same time, suffering no ill effects.

Did they become victims of a close encounter with UFOs, maybe you can provide the answer?

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